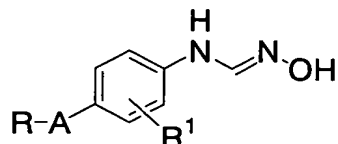


ABSTRACT

An N-hydroxyformamidine derivative of the following formula or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

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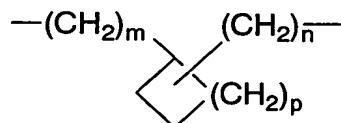


(wherein

R^1 represents a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-4} alkyl group, a C_{1-4} alkoxy group or a halogen atom,

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A represents a C_{1-10} alkylene group or a group of the following formula:

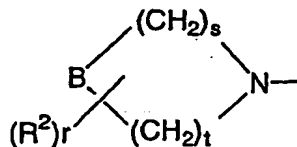


(wherein m, n and p each represent an integer of 0 to 4),

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and

R represents an N,N-di- C_{1-6} alkylamino group, a dioxanyl group, a C_{1-4} alkyl-substituted dioxanyl group, a C_{1-4} alkoxy- C_{1-4} alkoxy group or a group of the following formula:



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(wherein s and t each represent an integer of 1 to 4, B represents a methylene group, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom,

a nitrogen atom, a C₁₋₄ alkyl-substituted nitrogen atom, a phenyl-substituted nitrogen atom or a benzyl-substituted nitrogen atom, R² represents a hydrogen atom or a C₁₋₄ alkyl group, and r represents an integer of 0 to 2)).

5 The present invention aims to provide an agent for inhibiting 20-HETE-producing enzymes, 20-HETE being involved in the effects of causing microvascular constriction or dilation in major organs (e.g., kidneys, cerebral blood vessels) or of inducing cell proliferation,
10 etc.